Cases pending before CVC

2413. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending for clearance with the Central Vigilance Commission alongwith the details of the cases;

(b) the guidelines for clearance of such cases from vigilance angle; and

(c) whether the Vigilance Commission is competent to advise as to the suitability of a person for appointment/promotion, if so, whether the Commission had advised earlier in any particular case, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Photo Identity Cards

2414. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee of his Ministry has recommended for introduction of National Photo Identity Cards in an effort to beef up the country's internal security and to check illegal migration in the country;

(b) whether his Ministry has examined this issue and finalised its details; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be stated and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This proposal is at a conceptual stage and is being examined in depth.

Kidnapping of employees of CPWD in Manipur

2415. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Junior Engineers, Assistant Engineers and Executive Engineers of C.P.W.D. working at Manipur were kidnapped by militants, during July, 1997;

(b) whether it is a fact that militants have released Junior Engineer after taking one lakh rupees;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to avoid such kidnappings; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to give risk allowances/life insurance to the employees of C.P.W.D. who are working in difficult areas of V.V.I.P. areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CPWD have informed that they are not aware of any such payment.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b) above.

(d) All Central Government employees have been covered under the Group Insurance Scheme.